

The \$325,000 "donation" of Pappas Telecasting Companies' in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is an egregious example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.